ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I have received notices of two adjournment motions. The first of them is by Mr. Kannanthodath Janardanan Nair, and reads as follows :—

> "I beg leave to move for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the serious alarm created by the decision of the Government in selling outright the Government Pepper Farm to an individual without putting it to auction."

I should like the honourable member to inform the House and the President on what basis he makes that statement or assumption.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Karthikapally*): Sir, I had reasons to doubt that such a transaction was going on.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. This is a very serious matter. Honourable members of this House are expected to act with a sense of responsibility. This motion, I regret to say, evinces a complete lack of that sense of responsibility. At no time was there any proposal on behalf of Government to sell the farm to any individual. A private individual asked for the sale. Government have passed orders declining to sell it to him and ordering the sale of the farm by public auction. At some stage or other, imperfect information appears to have leaked out to the honourable member from the Office, or some one has wrongly informed the honourabl member in regard to the attempts made by that particular person whom I have referred to. The honourable member relying upon rumour has given notice of this motion. In either case, I am going to say definitely that this is not the line that honourable members of this House are expected to take in their conduct of public business for which they are responsible.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: If that is so, I express regret and withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT: I am glad. It is very wise on the part of the honourable member to express regret. I trust that it will be a lesson to other honourable members not to rely on rumour.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Sir, I did not rely on rumour but upon information received from certain quarters which I do not want to reveal.

PRESIDENT: I am glad that that statement has been made by the honourable member. I think it is the duty of the honourable member to reveal the source of the information either publicly in this House or privately to the Government, because if information of this inaccurate and tendentious kind is given, it means that there is something wrong either in the Government Offices or in the sources from which honourable members get information.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Sir, as a gentleman myself and considering that it was a gentleman who gave me the information, I think it is better for me to reveal the source to Government privately rather than reveal it in the open House.

PRESIDENT: I expect that the honourable member would give that information so that the Government could find out exactly what the ramifications are.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I point out that the honourable member should apologise to the party to which he belongs.

PRESIDENT: Now that the honourable member has expressed regret and as he has stated that he got the information from a responsible source, I am bound to take that at its face value, and accordingly do so. I take it that the honourable member withdraws the motion.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: The next motion is from Mr. N. Narayana Kurup. It reads:

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the business of this House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the serious situation created by the action of Government, in having decided to bring, yet another non-Travancorean as the Head of the Forest Department, when there are efficient and properly qualified Travancoreans in this State."

I hold that the motion is in order. Does the honourable member press it? If so, I have to fix the time and date for discussion of the motion.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): സർ, എനിക്കുകിട്ടിയ ഒരറിവു വച്ചുകൊണ്ടു അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒരു വിശദീകരണം ഉണ്ടാക്കണമെന്നുള്ള ആഗ്രഹംനിമിത്തം ഒരടിയന്തിരപ്രമേയം അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

PRESIDENT: If that is so, I ought to give reasons for it. The point that has been raised is that there are efficient and qualified Travancoreans to fill the job. If that matter has to be discussed, it has to be done on the floor of the House. Is that the idea of the honourable member?

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: സർ, ഈ അടിയന്തിര പ്രമേയത്തിൽ പറയുന്ന സംഗതികളെസംബന്ധിച്ചു ഒന്നു വിശദീകരിക്കണമെന്നേ എനിക്കുദ്ദേശമുള്ളൂ.

PRESIDENT: There is no objection to this motion. I hold that the matter is of urgent public importance and it will be discussed at 3-30 P. M. to-day.

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